

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 3, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-21 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-21 stand rejected. Claims 1, 8, and 14 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-24 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants amend Claims 1, 8, and 14 to overcome these rejections and respectfully request full allowance of Claims 1, 8, and 14 as amended.

Independent claims 1, 8 and 14 have been amended to define that each circuit unit in the first set is provided with the internal clock signal from the first PLL unit and not from the second PLL unit and that each circuit unit in the second set is provided with the internal clock signal from the second PLL unit and not from the first PLL unit.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 5,420,544 filed by Ishibashi ("Ishibashi"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art does not teach all of the elements of the claimed embodiment of the invention.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Furthermore, "the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is

contained in the ... claim.” *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art as anticipated by the Examiner cannot anticipate the rejected Claims, because the cited art does not show all the elements of the present Claims.

Applicant amended the independent Claims. Now, each of the amended claims defines that the first set and the second set each comprises at least two of the circuit units. *Ishibashi* discloses in Fig. 9 a circuit structure of a plurality of integrated circuits arranged on a circuit board, wherein a phase locked loop circuit 72A to 72C is arranged on each of the integrated circuits 70A to 70C. Thus, each of the phase locked loop circuits is arranged on an integrated circuit, rather than on the circuit board. In addition, each of the phase locked loop circuits provides a clock signal to the internal circuit of one integrated circuit only.

Accordingly, *Ishibashi* is no longer pertinent to the subject matter of the revised independent claims 1, 8 and 14. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above mentioned Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent Claims are allowable at least to the extent of the independent Claim to which they refer, respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the dependent Claims. Applicants reserve the right to make further arguments regarding the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), if necessary, and do not concede that the Examiner's proposed combinations are proper.

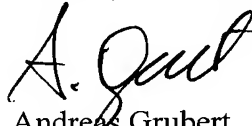
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2545.

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